

Application Serial No. 10/606,017  
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A powder coating composition, comprising:

a binder component of either a silicone resin or a mixture of a silicone resin and at least one selected from the group consisting of an epoxy resin, a phenolic resin, an acrylic resin, a polyester resin, and a fluororesin; and

a reinforcing pigment of at least one of a mica and a whisker,

wherein the content of said silicone resin in said binder component is at least 60% by weight, said silicone resin is in a solid state at 50°C, and said silicone resin has a hydroxyl group content of 2 to 7% by weight based on the total weight of said silicone resin, and said whisker is a potassium titanate whisker and/or an aluminum borate whisker.

Claim 2 (original): The powder coating composition according to Claim 1, wherein the content of said binder component in said composition is at most 50% by weight.

Claims 3 and 4 (canceled)

Claim 5. (currently amended): A powder coating material, comprising the powder coating composition according to Claim 1.

Claims 6 - 11 (canceled)